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DDT Firm, Sanitation Dist. Sued

Ecology Unit Seeks
End to Poisoning of
Santa Monica Bay

A federal court suit to stop the "world's largest DDT manufacturing plant" from dumping DDT into the Los Angeles sewage system and then into Santa Monica Bay was filed Thursday by an environmental group.

A recent federal survey showed that fish in Santa Monica Bay have the highest DDT content of any fish tested on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts.

The suit was brought against the Montrose Chemical Corp. which operates a plant in Torrance, and against the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, which operates the sewers in the Torrance area.

It was filed by the Ecology Unit.

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DDT discharge suit thrown out

MCNTROSE FILE

A suit to prevent the Montrose Chemical Corp. of Torrance from discharging DDT into the Pacific Ocean has been dismissed by a U.S. District Court judge in Los Angeles.

Judge Albert Lee Stephens issued the ruling Monday after an official of the company told the court that under new procedures "we discharge only non-DDT waste."

The suit was filed last November by the Environmental Defense Fund, naming the Los Angeles County Sanitation District as a codefendant.

The firm at that time said it was discharging less than a pound a day of DDT into the ocean at White's Point outfall. The discharge was through county lines, the firm said.

